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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Richard R. REISMAN

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Serial Number: 09/553,337

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Title: SOFTWARE AND METHOD THAT ENABLES SELECTION OF ONE  
OF A PLURALITY OF ONLINE SERVICE PROVIDERS

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97(c) and (e)(2)**

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Sir:

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Respectfully Submitted,

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	IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, Vol. 37, No. 02B, February 1994, "Use of Containers for Installing/Removing Products"

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